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- 1. WE BRIEFED MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS JAN 13 ON BASIS REFTEL WHICH WAS MUCH APPRECIATED SINCE MFA'S INFORMATION HAD BEEN LIMITED TO SHORT AFP DISPATCH. DIRECTOR NOTED GVN HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN KEEPING UP CONTACTS WITH GOG IN SPITE OF ITS SOMEWHAT VAGUE RECOGNITION OF "PRG", BUT STATED GVN MAY FEEL IT HAS TO REACT IN SOME WAY TO ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. EMBOFF ENCOURAGED DIRECTOR TO IGNORE GOG ACTION AND MAINTAIN CONTACT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, POINTING TO STATEMENT IN REFTEL INDICATING DECISION TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS MAY NOT IN FACT BE FOLLOWED BY CONCRETE ACTION. DIRECTOR SAID MATTER WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO FOREIGN MINISTER FOR HIS DECISION.
- 2. ASIDE FROM GENERAL GUIDANCE IN REF B, IN DISCUSSING MATTER WITH PRESIDENT BONGO OR OTHERS POINT MIGHT BE MADE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT AT PRESENT TIME APPEARS TO INDICATE GOG APPROVAL OF CURRENT DRV/"PRG" OFFENSIVE IN OPEN VIOLATION OF PARIS AGREEMENT IN WHICH THEY JUST TOOK OVER ENTIRE PROVINCE HELD BY GVN AT TIME OF CEASEFIRE. PERHAPS WE COULD ALSO SUGGEST GOG DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF RELATIONS, FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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